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FOR JONIETZ (EUR/CAN)

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SUBJECT: TORONTO STAR BLASTS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT EXEMPTION
FOR NEW HYDRO NUCLEAR PLANT

1. THE SECOND EDITORIAL IN THE AUGUST 25 TORONTO STAR,
"WE NEED HEARING ON NEW NUCLEAR REACTOR," BLASTED
THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT FOR THE EXEMPTION FROM THE NEED FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY IMPOSED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
ACT OF THE PLANNED ONTARIO HYDRO DARLINGTMN CANDU NUCLEAR
POWER STATION AT NEWCASTLE, ONTARIO.
2. THE EDITORIAL SUGGESTED THAT THE ONTARIAN MINISTRY
OF ENVIRONMENT HAD NO REAL JUSTIFICATION IN ALLOWING
THE EXEMPTION AND THAT BY WAITING SO LONG -- "AMPLE
TIME FOR A WELL-CONDUCTED INQUIRY" -- "IT COULD INVOKE
THE URGENCY OF AN IMPENDING ELECTRICITY SHORTAGE AS
A REASON FOR EXEMPTING THE PROJECT.
"THIS EXPENDIENCY MAKES A FARCE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT ACT. IT ALSO CREATES NEEDLESS GROUNDS

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FOR PUBLIC SUSPICION THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND HYDRO
DO NOT WANT THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE
FARLINGTON PROJECT TO BE FULLY AND PUBLICLY EXPLORED."

3. THE STAR STATED THE OPINION THAT AN INQUIRY COULD
HAVE REASSURED PUBLIC OPINION ON THE SAFETY OF THE
CANDU REACTOR RELATIVE TO ANY OTHER FORM OF ELECTRICITY
GENERATION AND ON THE QUESTION OF SAFE DISPOSAL OF RADIO-

ACTIVE WASTE." AND IT COULD HAVE PROVED THE NEED FOR MORE NUCLEAR ENERGY IF ONTARIM IS NOT TO FREEZE IN THE DARK A FEW YEARS FROM NOW."

4. COMMENT: WHILE THE STAR'S OPINION REFLECTS ITS THOUGHTS ON THE PARTICULAR QUESTION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, THE PROTEST REGARDING THE EXEMPTION MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO THE ATIKOKAN THERMAL POWER PLANT QUESTION. COPY OF THEEDITORIAL BEING POUCHED EUR/CAN ATTN: JONIETZ. DIGGINS

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